

DARIEN AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION

To advise the Darien Board of Selectmen on issues related to the development of an affordable housing plan for the Town of Darien. DAHAC will identify opportunities that improve the availability of diverse affordable housing for young adults, working families, empty nesters and the elderly in Darien. The Commission will recommend alternatives that give shape to an action plan to support the development of affordable housing in Darien while taking a proactive approach to control growth and to ensure the character of the Town will be maintained.

DAHAC will be comprised of up to 9 members. The Advisory Commission membership should comply with majority/minority representation as well as include members with a skill set complimentary to the charge. DAHAC will be subject to a vote of continuance by the Board of Selectmen annually as stated in the Darien Town Charter.

The Commission will:

- Research and assess the housing needs in Darien;
- Identify zoning initiatives such as: the legalization of accessory apartments, inclusionary zoning, rezoning of districts and access to transportation corridors;
- Solicit involvement from Darien residents through informational meetings and include findings in reports to the Board of Selectmen;
- Coordinate and support education of the public;
- Develop an action plan that includes a timeline, milestones and a budget;
- Gather information about non-profit and for profit developers;
- Report to the Board of Selectmen at their monthly meetings.

DAHAC will provide the necessary information to the Board of Selectmen for development of sound recommendations on which policy can be made to build affordable housing in the Town of Darien that will address housing needs.

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on 7 August 2006